

**District VI Advisory Board
Minutes**
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**Monday
December 1, 2008
6:30 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom**

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. District VI councilwoman led the meeting with ten (10) District Advisory Board members in attendance, seven (7) city staff and ten (10) members of the public who signed in.

Members Present

C. Bickley Foster
Carol Skaff
Bob Schreck
Charlie Claycomb
Marsha Carr
John VanWalleghen
Bob Wine
Janet Miller
Bob Aldrich
Jaya Escobar

Members Absent

Pat Randleas

Staff Present

Donna Goltry MAPD
WDD Perkins WFD
Officer Schwiethale, Old Town
Sharon Mellies, Planning
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant
Sgt. Santiago Hungria WPD
Officer Birdwell, Patrol West

Guests

Listed at end

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. welcoming everyone and asked members to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with an amendment. (**Carr/Claycomb 10-0**)

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes for November 3rd were approved with amendments (**Carr/Schreck 10-0**) and Minutes for November 19th were approved with an amendment (**Claycomb/Skaff 10-0**)

Public Agenda

1. **Scheduled items:** None at this time
2. **Off-agenda items:** *Joan Davis* introduced an idea for the annual canine rabies vaccinations. *Davis* has a plan that will increase compliance with current licensing requirements for dogs without the strict requirement for annual canine rabies vaccinations. Annual licensing of dogs will be required. This licensing will be predicated upon an annual visit to a licensed veterinarian for a physical examination, during which the immunological status of the pet may be discussed. The city license shall be issued at the time of the annual wellness exam.

Every three years during this wellness exam, one of two options will be made available to the pet owner:

1. The pet will receive a rabies vaccine. If this choice is made, then the license is issued immediately. OR
2. The pet will have blood drawn and the specimen will be sent to a licensed laboratory for a rabies titer test. If this choice is made, the license is temporarily withheld.

The result of the titer test takes about 10 days to be completed and transmitted back to the submitting clinic.

Upon the receipt of the results of the titer test, only two options are available:

1. If the test reveals that the pet has a protective titer, then the license shall be issued. OR
2. If the test reveals that the pet is not protected, the owner has no more than 30 days to return to the clinic for a vaccination. At the time of vaccination, the license will be issued.
 - It mandates annual licensing—the city will get their money and believes that you would get much more compliance with such a plan than you presently get.
 - It answers the economic objections of the veterinarians—they must see the animals yearly. They will charge for this exam—but perhaps over time, it will force their paradigm to change from the “vaccine hook” to the more ethical practice of a customized care plan as proposed by the AVMA.
 - It maintains a protective level of immunity in the local population which is a very valid concern.
 - It gives the pet owner a sense of “ownership”. The decision to seek veterinary care and vaccinate is part of responsible pet ownership, something that the American Kennel Club stresses in promoting dog ownership.
 - It is a relatively simple procedure—one which should not cause a great deal of administrative change in vet clinics or in the city government. There is no provision for exemption or waiver. Only two options are available—but the important point is the fact that the options ARE available.

Davis thanked DAB for their attention this evening and hoped that you will consider this plan before enacting change to our present system. It addresses a public health problem while at the same time maintaining a level of health and safety for our pets. It removes an economic factor from an ethical issue.

Schreck said he agreed with her cause. **Skaff** asked if we are outside the norm of other cities. *Davis* responded that some cities only vaccinate every three years after the titer has been checked. **Skaff** asked what the down side to this is. *Davis* responded owners won’t believe the tests results and it’s a financial hit for veterinarians.

*******Action:** Provide comments/take appropriate action.

Staff Presentations

3. Mayor's Vision presentation

Mayor Carl Brewer presented on downtown re-development saying his comments have focused on creating a downtown that is Everybody’s Neighborhood. I envision a Downtown that connects the Old Town District, the new Downtown Arena and Riverfront improvements including the Wichita WaterWalk and the Museum District.

I envision a pedestrian friendly downtown where families, young people, businesses and visitors can walk or drive from one destination to the next.

Downtown would be a place for people of all ages. It would feature park and open spaces, retailers, residences, restaurants, office buildings and multiple venues for arts and entertainment.

Brewer said there is much work to be done to refine this vision and make it a reality. It won’t be easy. It will take a team effort, a communitywide effort. There will be naysayers. I have asked key leaders to help me define a process for creating this vision. I anticipate that the Council and I will need to establish a Steering Committee to help guide this process. We know that we will need to engage citizens to create a plan that defines what the next phase of downtown should look like and creates that road map for how to make it happen.

As I speak to the citizens of this community, I am finding that they are embracing a new vision for downtown with a high degree of enthusiasm. Many want to get involved and be a part of this initiative. Many want to share their ideas on what downtown should look like in the not so distant future.

Today, I am asking that you support the creation of a new vision for downtown. Your support will begin with appointing members to a steering committee. I anticipate that after the first of the year, I will be asking your support to engage citizens in the creation of a new downtown plan.

Some of you may ask how much it will cost to create this plan for our downtown. In these uncertain economic times, we are all concerned with spending public dollars wisely. I am researching private sector support along with grant opportunities to complement government financing.

So today, I am asking that you support the creation of a new vision for downtown. I also ask that you support this new vision by helping to engage citizens in this exciting new venture to create a more livable, sustainable community with a quality of life second to none.”

Schreck stated this was a great project and asked if the Boathouse would remain. *Brewer* responded the Boathouse would remain. **Schreck** commented that Gander Mt. the front of the store should have faced the river. **Skaff** included this was exciting with connecting all of the downtown to other areas and asked if discussions about transportation were included to make it easy for neighborhoods. Also, there is a need to have this area be pedestrian friendly. *Brewer* responded the transportation system would be looked at. **Claycomb** stated this project was a great idea.

Fearey commented she would need to appoint one person to the steering committee for the downtown re-development.

***** **Action:** The District Advisory Board received and filed.

4. Community Police Report

Patrol South: *Officer Schwiethale, Old Town* stated there had been an increase in larcenies. Officers used a rental car to do undercover detail in Old Town and caught an individual. Since then larcenies went down and then back up. The individual arrested admitted working with four others. We expect to see a decrease in larcenies since we will continue using this vehicle for undercover work.

Patrol West: *Officer Birdwell* said he has been working with Bryant Elementary due to a problem with illegal parking. Since then the problem seems to be decreasing. Officers are working a special assignment using a bait car due to so many vehicles being stolen in District 5. No one has tried to steal this car so far. With the holidays approaching we are monitoring for any criminal activity at the St. Paul Christmas lights. Also, the Central St. Bar and Grill has been cited twice for after hours drinking. **Aldrich** commented that at Smith and 13th and 9th/West he has seen vehicles spinning their tires on the grass.

Patrol North: *Sgt. Hungria* stated he was reporting for the Community Police officers this evening. Officer Sharp -48 Beat had two burglaries, one at the Farmer’s Market, Officer Woodson-49 Beat also had a burglary and they were able to get some prints off of items, so hope to be catching someone on that. Officers will be working on special projects to try and get some suspects. Officer Jerrell reported the graffiti at Minisa is being done with sharpies on park benches and inside the swimming pool. Please call if you see anything suspicious and keep your items inside your home as there has been an increase in larcenies of vehicles.

Hungria continued about the Celebrate Safely project to reduce celebratory gunfire on New Year’s Eve which has worked due to education on the subject. We need to continue to stay on top of this so we don’t have the problem again. Patrol North on Dec. 30th, is asking for volunteers to come and handout flyers about Celebrate Safely in the neighborhoods.

*******Action:** Receive and file

5. Fire Department Report

Battalion Chief Hughes reported on incidents for District VI in November explaining with a handout and map about the number of incidents and how many resources are used for each. The amount of resources used for some incidents doubles as some medical calls take more than two units. **Schreck** thanked *Hughes* for the handout report as he said it gives a lot of info.

***** **Action:** Receive and file

Carr left at 7:20 p.m.

New Business
Public Works

6. Elm Street paving project, between Nevada and Dougherty

7. Elm Street paving project, between Dougherty and Young

Gary Jensen and Shawn Mellies were present to discuss the proposed paving project for Elm Street between Dougherty, Nevada and Young. Jensen gave the background on the project and stated there had been interest from some property owners and the request had no valid petition but this is something the State allows the City Council to order-in.

Questions asked from DAB: *responses in Italics*

- What was the duration of specials? *Over 20-yrs.*
- Do you think this will cause a domino effect where other unpaved streets would be ordered in to become paved? *This could be very supportive but don't know.*
- People are driving thru yards would the curb be at an angle or straight? *Curbs would be straight up.*
- How many crossings are there in the proposed connection? *On the West side there would be Central/9th and then East would be Elm.*
- Dirt streets cost more to maintain than paved, isn't that correct? *Dirt streets cost more to be maintained properly that is correct.*
- Have you met with the area residents and is everyone informed? *Yes.* Were all area residents notified of tonight's meeting? *Yes.*

Wine stated that one section between Dougherty/Young had no residents that face the street correct. *Yes.* Could an option be to vacate and turn that area over to residents if they don't want the street paved? *This is always an option but has to go thru many boards to be approved.* Mellies included that drainage-easement would be needed.

- Does state statue limit the size of a benefit district? *This is the maximum-the optimum.*
- What about driveway assessment? *This would be a separate assessment the property owners agree to this.*

Robert Rodriquez, 4409 N. Elm stated the businesses use Elm St and that is the reason the street is the way it is, like a washboard. Jensen responded we see this in a lot of situations when a street is open for use. We could talk to the businesses but there is not much we can do to regulate.

***** **Action:** The District Advisory Board made a motion to recommend approval of the project based on staff recommendations. (Aldrich/Schreck 8-1/ Miller)

Schreck finished saying this eventually will pay for itself because of the cost to maintain the dirt streets at present. VanWalleghen said this was an unusual case as this is usually a petition request. Jensen responded it helped we had the neighborhood meeting first.

Schreck left at 8:25p.m.

Planning

8. ZON2008-00065 4118 N OLD LAWRENCE RD

On Monday, December 1, 2008 the District VI Advisory Board (DAB) considered a City zone change from GI General Industrial to SF-5 Single- family Residential, generally located north of I-235, east of Broadway Avenue, on the east side of Old Lawrence Road (4118 N. Old Lawrence Road) The members were provided the MAPD staff report for review prior to the meeting. Donna Goltry, Planner presented the case background and reviewed the staff recommendation with members and the public.

The Board asked the following questions: *responses in Italics*

- A few years down the road will the applicant complain about the surrounding properties? *They think this is ok.*
- What percentage of restriction does the applicant want? *To just fix the home.*
- Are there any plans for more industrial in this area? *No*

No members of the public were present to speak for or against the request.

******Action:** The DAB VI members made a motion to recommend to City Council Approval (Foster/VanWalleghen 8-0) of the request based on staff recommendations.

Board Agenda

9. Grants Review Committee

***** **Action:** DAB VI Members made a motion to recommend **Marsha Carr** to serve on the Grants Review Committee. (Miller/Skaff 8-0)

10. Problem Properties

There were no problem properties reported.

11. Neighborhood Reports

Old Town: is offering free carriage rides from noon until 4 pm on Saturday along with other holiday festivities. **Foster** commented the effort made from the public speaker about rabies was very good. Who do we recommend to do more research on this subject? **Fearey** said this would go to Environmental Services. A motion was made to forward this onto the Environmental Services department to consider. (Foster/Skaff 8-0)
Wine said that Kay Johnson mentioned she was already looking at this.

*******Action:** Receive and file.

Updates from the Councilmember

On tomorrow's Council Agenda we will be looking at the Center City South T.I.F. and the CORE project.

Announcements

- Next DAB meeting will be on Wednesday, December 17, 2008

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Guests

Greg Boyijian	3325 W. 9 th 67203 La Placita Park
Jerry Prichard	1607 N. Clarence 67203 Indian Hills/Riverbend N.A.
Charlene Van Walleghen	2524 Hyacinth 67204 BH/PV N.A.
Christine Eberle	1814 Joann 67203 NW Big River N.A.
Tom Carr	1027 W. River Blvd 67203 Riverside
Aimee Basham	1634 N. Coolidge North Riverside
Donna Aldrich	1013 Compton Orchard Park
M.S. Mitchell	1215 Riverside
Alan Fearey	1323 N. Emporia Historic Midtown
Joan C. Davis	4750 Cobblestone 67204 Moorings

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant